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Retail Clerks at Ward's Vote Union Choice Monday

REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

WHAT HAPPENS?

What happens when employees of the Government face charges as to their loyalty under the personnel security program? The Fund for the Republic, endowed by the Ford Foundation, has sent East Bay Labor Journal a summary of its study of this question.

Some of the revelations indicate how far this country had gone down the chute before good sense began to return.

For example, among the charges against one Government worker was that "Communist art" hung on the walls of his home. It turned out that the art consisted of works by Picasso, Matisse, Renoir, and other famous painters. The editor of East Bay Labor Journal has reproductions in color of works of these artists on the walls of his home, and so do great numbers of loyal Americans.

Incidentally, it is true that every once in a while Picasso functions as a restless Communist of sorts. But he is a great artist, and one of the outstanding experimenters working toward new esthetic discoveries, and one can have an interest in his art yet have no concern whatsoever with his politics.

CRAZY QUESTIONS

In a case where a man and wife had been jointly charged, the main accusation against the wife was that she had "continued sympathetic association with your husband." Can you blame her for asking the investigators tartly: "Is the security officer suggesting that I get a divorce?"

In another case the investigator asked the accused: "What do you think of female chastity?"

A question asked of a geographer—doubtless under suspicion of changing the globe!—was this:

"Do you by nature get a sort of secret, personal satisfaction out of acting as an individualist?"

To this question the victim on the hot skillet boldly answered, YES, doubtless remembering that Herbert Hoover and all the big corporation chiefs laud individualism as the crowning glory of American life.

'LEFT WING TALK'

Most fascinating of all, however, is the story of the man who had a job in the Government printing office and was dragged up on a disloyalty charge. The only witness for the Government was the agency security officer. Cross-examined, the security officer said that one thing against the man was that he had engaged in "left wing talk."

Asked to define such talk, the security officer—beg pardon, the man had used the term "second class citizen."

It turned out that what the man had said was that he would "rather be a second class citizen in Mississippi than a first class citizen in Russia."

All this nonsense brings to mind Fitzpatrick's cartoon in the St. Louis Post Dispatch, showing Uncle Sam looking at the Statue of Liberty and murmuring: "All the world is queer except me and thee, and even thee art a little queer."

Machinists' Auxiliary Union Label Exhibit

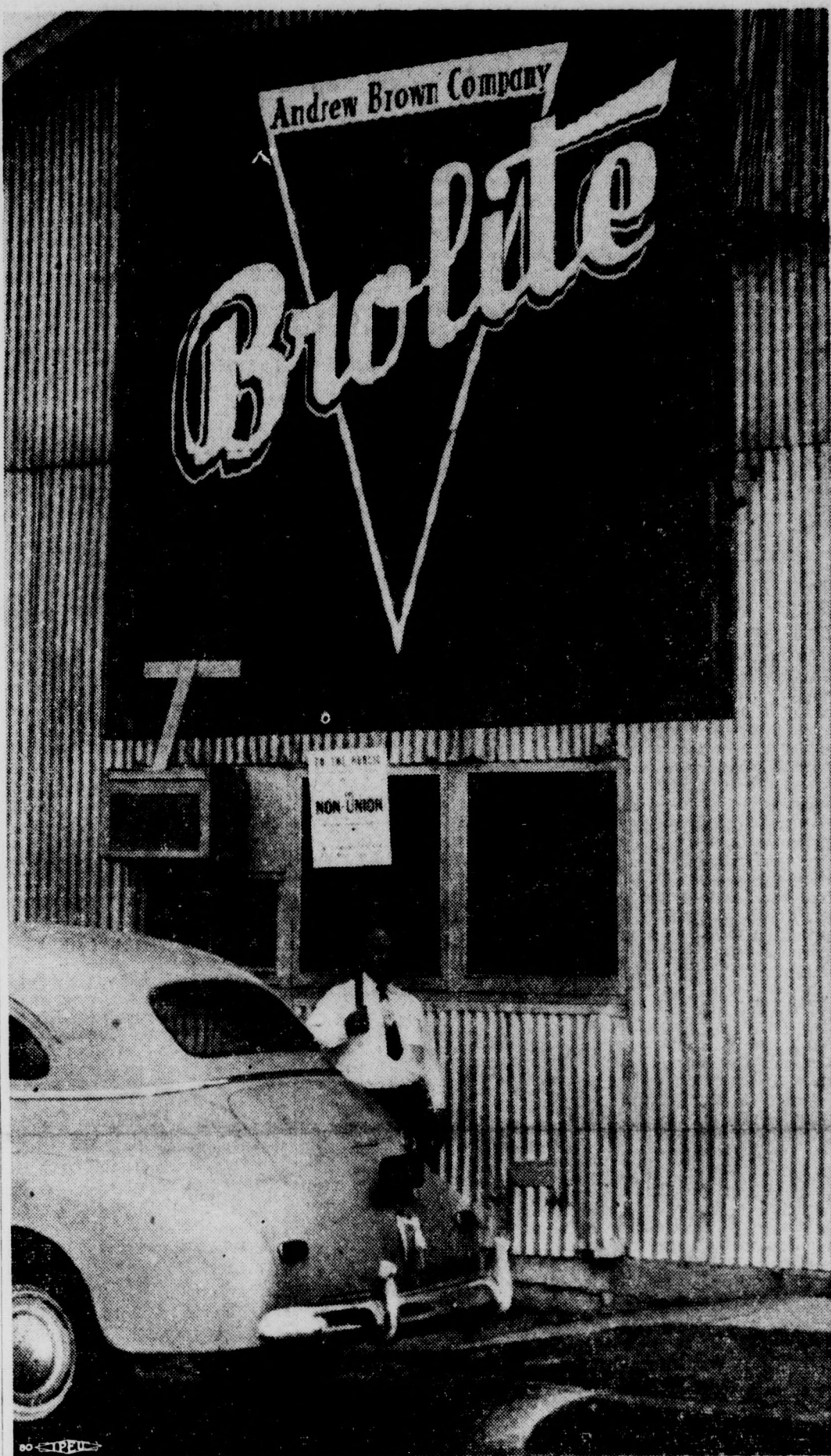
Machinists Auxiliary 97 will have a union label display at St. George's Hall, Grove & 25th streets, at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, September 15. All those interested are invited to see the exhibit.

President Opal Lawrence announces that light refreshments will be served.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

HAYWARD CULINARY WORKERS & BAKERS 823
SHEET METAL 216
MILLMEN 550
AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
BUILDING SERVICE 18
PLASTERERS 112
SOUTHERN COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178



EMPHATICALLY NON-UNION are "Brolite" products of Andrew Brown Paint Co. whose fanatical anti-union attitude has caused determined 24-hour daily picket demonstration at the plant in Los Angeles. The concern definitely does not seek patronage from Organized Labor and its friends. Representative Paul H. Nierly, Los Angeles, Paint Makers Local 1232, carries a picket banner proclaiming "Brolite" products as non-union. Teamsters Local 578 is also concerned in the dispute. "Brolite" is on all official AFL non-union lists. Nierly is well known in East Bay, having formerly been an officer of Paint Makers 1101, associated with Jack Kopke.

Rutledge Corrects Data on Painters' Pay, Negotiations

Editor, Labor Journal

Just finished reading the Labor Day Edition of the East Bay Labor Journal and wish to express my compliments on a fine job, well done. As a member of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee I am well acquainted with the fact that sufficient funds are not available to provide checkups and verifications of all articles written about local unions.

On behalf of the painters of the 5 East Bay Local Unions, I request that you enter immediately in the next issue a retraction or a correction of the article appearing on page 15 under the heading, HAYWARD PAINTERS REPORT PROGRESS.

I feel that the article was inadvertently prepared for the paper by a writer who is not at all familiar with the operation of the local union under whose name the article appears.

The Hayward local union No. 1178 is an affiliated local under District Council of Painters No. 16 of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, along with Local Union No. 127, Local No. 40, Local No. 560, and Local No. 741 all house painters locals. The 22c per hour increase in wages was not won by any local but rather was negotiated by the duly elected negotiators of the District Council namely Brothers Hammond of Local No. 560 and Rutledge of Local No. 127 along with 4 other negotiators from District Council No. 8 and District Council No. 33, the representatives of the 13 locals, 3 district councils, and the assistant.

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CLC MEETS ON MONDAY, BTC MEETS ON TUESDAY

Regular meetings of the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council resume next week following the recess over Labor Day week. The Central Labor Council meets Monday night, September 12.

The Building Trades Council meets Tuesday night, September 13.

Ash on Teamsters' Policy Group For Consumer Boycott

Peter A. Andrade, director, the Teamsters' Western Council of Cannery and Food Process Workers Unions, sent from his headquarters at 25 Taylor street, San Francisco, the following letter, dated August 30, to Robert S. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council:

Dear Sir and Brother: Please be advised that a meeting is being held in Room 616, 25 Taylor street, San Francisco, California, on Thursday, September 8th, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of coordinating Consumer Boycott now in progress.

Also, please be advised that you will be asked to act as a member of a permanent committee to make policy on this most important function on behalf of the 1200 strikers in the Sebastopol Area.

Your presence at this meeting will be of vital importance towards the success of this fight. With warmest best personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,
PETER A. ANDRADE,
Director

Pharmacy on 'Gold Coast' of Alameda Finally Gives In

A 15-month picketing siege of the Sutherland Pharmacy in the "Gold Coast" area of the city of Alameda has ended with the signing of a contract between the owner, A. H. Beyerle, and Food Clerks 870.

Under the contract, the drug clerks employed there will receive \$65.50 per 40-hour week, the new rate which went into effect September 1 under the union's contract with drug stores. Licensed pharmacists under the contract receive a minimum of \$110 a week.

The family owning the pharmacy is well to do, and many persons living in the neighborhood were not very union-minded, but in the course of the long picketing, said Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Local 870, the place's business pretty well dwindled down to repeat orders under prescriptions.

One of the railroad unions helped the labor campaign by sending a letter to all members asking that under the union's health and welfare plan they refuse to accept any prescription made out to the picketed pharmacy.

TECH ADULT SCHOOL. Broadway at 42nd Street, will start the fall semester on Monday evening, September 19, Henning Edlund principal, announced. Beginning September 12, the school office will be open for registration Mondays

through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. On Fridays office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sebastopol Apple Boycott Hits Safeway

An educational consumer boycott picket line starts marching tomorrow (Saturday) in front of many of the Safeway stores in San Francisco.

The women pickets will be members of the Teamsters Cannery Workers on strike in Sebastopol.

Highway brand and Lakemead brand of apple sauce, which are being produced under strike conditions by strikebreakers working behind picket lines. That is the message which the pickets will convey to persons entering the Safeway stores.

Peter Andrade, director of the Western Cannery Workers Council, said that this is only the beginning of the consumer boycott which the Teamsters will spread over the West.

There will be two women picketing each one of the major Safeway stores in San Francisco. Each picket will carry a supply of leaflets explaining the methods that are being used in Sebastopol by the processing plants in their efforts to prevent the women from belonging to the union.

There is a long list of products put out by the struck plants, but at present the union is concentrating on the boycott of five brands of apple sauce. In addition to the Safeway brands there are three others.

Andrade accordingly asks that East Bay housewives refrain from purchasing any of the following 5 brands:

Highway (Safeway)
Lakemead (Safeway)
S & W
Stokely-Van Camp
Monarch

CLC Executive Board Is Urgently Asked to Go To Miami Beach Meeting

All executive board members of the Alameda County Central Labor Council are asked to attend a meeting at 10 a.m. September 14 in the San Francisco Labor Temple to consider ways of helping the AFL culinary crafts in their strike at Miami Beach, Florida.

The call for the meeting is issued by AFL Organizer Gene DeCristofaro, who has been assigned by Western AFL Organizer Dan Flanagan to ask the 15 Labor Councils of Northern California to cooperate in the matter.

At the meeting September 14 in addition to the Alameda county and San Francisco councils' executive boards, three other counties, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and Contra Costa are asked to attend.

State Federation Vice President Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones of District 10 (Alameda county) are invited, and the Fed vice presidents from the other counties named.

The Culinary Joint Boards of Alameda and San Francisco counties will be in attendance.

The executive board of the Central Labor Council here recently recommended that \$1000 be spent by the council to advertise the situation in Miami Beach.

Mulgrew Family Picnic To Be Held at the Park Named for Old Friend

The 19th Annual Mulgrew Family Picnic will be held this year at Roberts Park, named for Thomas J. Roberts, an old friend of the Mulgrews.

The picnic will be held this coming Sunday, September 11. This year the East Side branch of the family descended from James D. Mulgrew, who came to Oakland in 1851, will act as host for the North Oakland branch. Between 150 and 190 persons are expected to be present.

The affair is of such magnitude that several committees have had to be set up, on games, reception, attendance, parking, etc.

Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, says that the family feels special pleasure in being able to have through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. On Fridays office hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for years secretary of the Regional Park Board.

BTC Will Consider 7-hr. Day Resolve, Letter to Locals

The Building Trades Council at its meeting September 13 will pass on a proposed resolution on the 7-hour day and a proposed letter by BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers which would be sent to all building trades locals with a copy of the resolution.

The resolution was prepared by a subcommittee of which Charles Geroni, Linoleum Layers 1290, is acting chairman.

Following is the text of the proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION ON 7 HR. DAY
WHEREAS, shorter working hours have historically been a goal of Labor Unions in order that (1) working men may buy and have time to enjoy the products of their labor (2) may have time and energy to take part in civic, cultural, educational pursuits and in sports (3) jobs may be made more plentiful, and

WHEREAS, hours of work have continually declined since the first resolution was adopted to establish the 12 hour day by Building Tradesmen in Philadelphia in 1791, and

WHEREAS, this continued shortening of the hours of work has been accompanied by even greater increases in the productivity of our economy and the well-being of the working man, and

WHEREAS, during the past 20 years the productivity of Labor has greatly increased due to greater use of labor saving machinery and new techniques in the construction industry, and

WHEREAS, Labor Unions have always led the fight for shorter hours, and

WHEREAS, shorter hours have only been won by Organized Labor exercising its economic, educational and political power to this end,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: this Local Union adopt the seven hour day at no reduction in pay as one of its proposals in the next negotiations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: this Local Union cooperate with the Alameda County Building Trades Council in an educational and publicity program to make the Seven Hour Day a reality and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Local Union will cooperate with and support any member Union of the Alameda County Building Trades Council making a determined demand for the seven hour day.

THE LETTER

Following is the text of the letter:

TO ALL LOCALS:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution endorsing the principle of the 7 hour day.

Although many Unions in the Building Trades Council have endorsed the seven hour day and several have included a demand for its adoption in their negotiations, little progress has been made toward shorter hours in the past twenty years.

The Building Trades Council believes that a concerted effort must be made if we are to get shorter hours. Toward this end, the Council has appointed a Seven Hour Day Committee of one from each Local Union to consider and make recommendations to help bring about the seven hour day.

A program of publicity and education to make everyone aware of the desire of all Building Tradesmen for the seven hour day is being proposed. This resolution is the first step. You will be asked to participate in further efforts as the Council approves and adopts them.

Your early consideration of this resolution is respectfully requested. Please sign and return to the Council noting whatever action is taken.

The action of all Locals is important. A united effort will not fail. . . a half-hearted one will.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally,

Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County

J. L. CHILDERS

Business Representative

Following is the conclusion of the report of the Building Trades Council session of August 30, held out of the Labor Day issue of East Bay Labor Journal because of the congestion of Labor Day material. This concluding portion takes up where BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers was making his report to the council:

Childers said he had attended (Continued on Page 2)

Secretary of Retail Clerks' Statement on Ward Election

Russ Mathiesen, secretary, Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265, made the following statement:

"Department and Specialty Store Employees, Local 1265, this week issued a final appeal to Montgomery-Ward retail store employees to join the union of their craft."

"The employees of Ward's Oakland retail store will go to the polls Monday, September 12, in a National Labor Relations Board representation election to choose a bargaining representative."

"Local 1265 of the Retail Clerks has carried on a long and energetic campaign among Ward employees, designed basically to inform the Ward workers of the advantages of belonging to the AFL Retail Clerks union."

"Although the Clerks are opposed on the ballot by another Union, the Retail Clerks' campaign has never stooped to attacking the opposing union but has consistently devoted itself to telling the Retail Clerks' story."

"Local 1265 is hanging its appeal on the fact that the Retail Clerks is the one union in the AFL, the largest and oldest union in America, devoted exclusively to improving the working conditions of retail store employees."

'CRAFT IS BASIC'
"The Clerks have pointed out that the basic organizational principle of AFL unions has always been the craft—the banding together of workers of identical skills and closely linked interests."

"The Retail Clerks point to a long record of achievements in behalf of retail store employees. The Clerks have contracts now with retail stores in every important city of any size in the nation—with employers, large and small, national chains as well as local independents."

"In these contracts, the Retail Clerks have won a long list of benefits for retail store employees—welfare plans, paid holidays and paid vacations, pensions and job security, higher wages, shorter hours and better working conditions."

"While the Clerks' opponents on the ballot have pointed to an agreement held by its international with other Ward stores, the Clerks have emphasized that the choice of the bargaining representative is up to the employees—not to Ward's."

REQUIRED BY LAW

"If the Ward employees in the Oakland store want the experienced representation of the Retail Clerks, then Ward's is required by law to deal with the union of their choice."

"Local 1265 noted, too, that in increasing numbers Ward employees throughout California have chosen the Retail Clerks to represent them in collective bargaining."

"The list of Ward stores where the Retail Clerks represent the employees now includes Hayward, Ukiah and Napa, Long Beach, San Diego, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Merced, Petaluma, Whittier and Ventura. Ward employees in Portland, Ore. and Las Vegas, New Mexico also chose the Retail Clerks."

"Some talk has been promoted among Ward employees—but not by the Retail Clerks, obviously—that a vote for Local 1265 can only mean a strike. It should be said emphatically that such talk is untrue, and is plainly an attempt to win votes away from the Retail Clerks in the election Monday."

MEMBERS DECIDE

"Ward's cannot refuse to deal with the Clerks if the store's employees choose that union to represent them."

"On the other hand, Local 1265 has never said that there couldn't be a strike. Strikes are always possible but if it comes to that, the final decision on any such action will remain entirely with the employees themselves."

"Local 1265 has emphasized that its policy always is to give the members a full voice and vote in union affairs, the final decisions are always theirs to make."

"But finally, Local 1265 has rested its case with Ward employees on the simple fact that the Retail Clerks is the one union run by retail store employees for retail store employees—the one union in the AFL devoted exclusively to the welfare of retail store employees."

GEORGE MEANY, AFL president, appealed to all affiliated unions to help flood relief.

Haggerty Warns: 60% California's Labor Unorganized

The following Labor Day Message of C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor, came in too late for inclusion in last week's Labor Day Edition of East Bay Labor Journal, so we are publishing it now:

Labor Day traditionally is the day officially set aside in honor of those who toil and who produce the wealth of this great nation.

It is also the day, however, in which we take stock of past achievements, of present problems, and of future prospects.

There is much we can be proud of in the way of achievements during the past year. By trade union action, wages in California have been pushed up approximately \$4 a week since last summer to a record weekly average of \$84.70 for factory workers. The latest figures of the Department of Industrial Relations show comparable increases in other industrial categories.

This increase in wages has paced the substantial recovery from last year's recession by providing the boost in purchasing power needed to absorb the products of industry. Employment again has climbed to new heights, although the virus of unemployment continues at an excessively high rate to serve as a warning against doing nothing policies based on blind faith in our economy.

LEGISLATION

On the legislative front, the 1955 session of the California legislature brought new and far-reaching victories for organized labor. Your Federation secured the enactment of liberalizing measures in the field of industrial and social insurance which will increase workmen's compensation, unemployment and unemployment disability insurance benefits by up to \$30 million a year. All major attempts to emasculate these basic laws were defeated, as were the efforts of reactionary employer groups to strike at the body of the trade union movement.

These advancements and victories, however, should not blind us to the problems that lie ahead.

Economically, we as a nation are on the threshold of a second industrial revolution as we move rapidly into the era of new automatic processes. Whether or not this revolution brings with it an economy of abundance for all people, with increased leisure to enjoy that abundance, or an economy of mass unemployment and labor displacement, is directly related to our ability to proceed with our historical objective of organizing the unorganized. Only through organization.

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2 Labor Candidates are Endorsed for Bay City Councilmen Positions

The Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL has endorsed two candidates for City Councilmen, their names to run on the ballot in the September 13 election to determine whether Bay City shall be incorporated. The two endorsed candidates are:

William O. Hurtado, member of Electrical Workers 595, who resides at 1456 Placer Drive in the area.

Chester Oliveira, president of Cannery Workers 750, long active in civic affairs.

There are 7 candidates for 5 places, so competition for votes will be lively, and the League urges alertness on the part of all labor people.

The League also has voted to support the \$300,000 recreation bond issue in Washington Manor to provide a swimming pool and other facilities for the young people. In the previous Hayward area recreation bond election which failed Washington Manor voted 95% YES, so now that community has decided to go ahead on its own.

Rutledge Corrects Data on Painters' Pay, Negotiations

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ance of our international organizer Al King. The negotiated agreement under which Local No. 1178 operates is the Bay Area Painters Agreement and covers 3 Districts, 13 local union with 9,000 members, 7 County Employer organizations with approximately 1100 employers, and is enforced through the Bay Area Joint Committee and 7 local joint committees.

The statement that time and one half is paid for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays is erroneous as the agreement specifically provides for double time to be paid for any hours worked on these days. Employers signatory to the agreement and any members of a local working under the agreement are cautioned that any deviation from the provisions of the agreement are subject to such penalties as the violation section of the agreement provides.

It is my thought that the printing of this letter may correct erroneous impressions and possibly save embarrassment to fair employers and the membership of the locals.

Wishing you continued success

Fraternally,
HUGHIE RUTLEDGE,
Financial Secretary,
Painters Local No. 127
Sept. 3, 1955

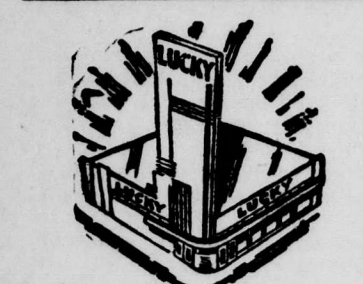
THE NEW HOME of organized labor is rapidly approaching completion in Washington. It is difficult to realize that 70 years ago the offices of the American Federation of Labor were in one tiny room. Samuel Gompers set up the first headquarters office at 332 East 8th street, New York City, in 1888.

SENIOR CITIZENS Activity Center, Temple Beth El Building, Arch and Vine streets, Berkeley, next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

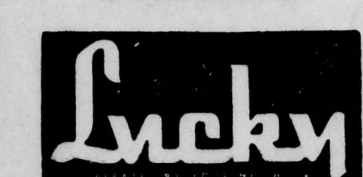
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a meeting of the committee for the Democratic fund-raising dinner at which Mr. Truman was originally scheduled to speak; that since Mr. Truman had been compelled to cancel his speaking engagement on doctor's orders, the committee had been assured there would be some other major speaker provided. On Lloyd Child's motion the BTC voted to buy a \$100 ticket, Secretary John Davy to attend, as Childers starts September 12 on the first vacation he's had in three years.

It was later announced that Governor George Leader of Pennsylvania and Senator Alan Bible of Nevada will speak at the dinner.

CITY PLANNING

Children arrived slightly after the meeting started, as he had been attending a meeting of the Oakland City Council at which first and second readings had been given to an ordinance requiring that only steel or fire-proof construction be permitted on Madison street, classified as Fire Zone 1. He said he had asked about it, and was informed that this was only a stop-gap measure, that within two months the Planning Commission would bring in a report on new zonings.

Children said that he felt the discussion of the proposed new motel at 14th and Oak streets which culminated in an 8 to 1 vote by the City Council against the project had done much to educate some of the City Councilmen on the problems involved in zoning. The BTC had strongly supported the motel.

AMALGAMATED CONSTR. CO.

Children said that complaints having been made against the Amalgamated Construction Co., a remodeling outfit, by the Lathers, Roofers, and Laborers, there had been some difficulty in checking on the firm, which works all over the county; but that Monday one of the firm's spokesmen had come to the BTC office, and apparently the matter was now settled.

POLIO PATIENT

On the request that the BTC cooperate in making alterations on a cottage so that a Mr. Graves, polio patient now in hospital, could be transferred to his home, the Board of Business Agents reported that Mayor Wilson of Hayward, through the efforts of the Polio Foundation, is now getting some contractors to make the needed alterations.

POLITICAL ROLE

Chester Bartallini, Carpenters 36, said since labor was going more actively into politics, it must take more responsibility, and that he, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, and George Rice of Electricians 1245 had conferred with Roger Kent, Northern California chairman of the Democratic Party, on this.

C. E. Risley, Carpenters 36, said that dollar individual contributions to LLPE were important items politically.

MARSETTA CONTRACT

It was announced that Frank Marsetta, cement contractor, has signed a BTC contract.

ROBT. PETERS CITED

At the request of Hod Carriers 168 and Plasterers 112 it was voted to cite Robert Peters, 850 Magnolia street, Newark, to appear before the board.

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AFL, Crusade, and Miller Working Together Help Mother Get Navy Checks

When Mrs. Carter's son went into the Navy, she was not too dismayed. She was not well enough to work, but she knew John's Navy allotment check would provide for her simple needs. John had written that deductions had been regularly taken from his pay check each month. But when five months went by without any checks, she became concerned.

As a member of Culinary Workers Alliance, Local 31, she went to this AFL union for help, and was referred to Raymond R. Collier, AFL Community Services Director of the East Bay United Crusade.

When Mrs. Carter saw the AFL Community Services director, she was totally without food and money and her rent was due again. As an emergency measure, Collier's office contacted the Catholic Social Service, a Crusade supported member agency, which agreed to tide Mrs. Carter over until the checks started coming through.

Using all the "know-how" at their disposal, the AFL Community Services informed Congressman George P. Miller, who immediately called his Washington office, which in turn, contacted the Family Allowance Unit of the Navy Department. A new set of forms was sent to Mrs. Carter. The AFL Community Services helped her fill them out and expedited their return to Washington.

Within a month, Mrs. Carter had her first check, and she has received them steadily ever since. Said Mrs. Carter recently, "It was a Godsend the way the AFL Community Services and the United Crusade came to my aid at such a critical time."

Because this department of union services is in existence, and supported by members of local AFL unions through their contributions to United Bay Area Crusade, another union member was helped. This service is offered free to all union members.

Townsend Clubs to Have Sunday Dinner, Rally

Sunday, September 11 the Townsend Clubs of the Seventh and Eighth Congressional Districts will hold a joint meeting at Weatherbee Hall, 3038 East 16th street. There will be a ham dinner served at 1 p.m. The dinner will be followed by a mass meeting at 2 p.m. Invitations have been extended to Congressmen, Assemblymen, County and State Officials to attend the meeting. Several City Councilmen have accepted the invitation to be present.

Lloyd E. Mabon, chairman of the Seventh Congressional District Townsend Clubs, is a member of Warehousemen 853.

WHEN GEORGE MEANY raps the gavel to bring to order the first convention of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, it will be the climax of union activities that began in 1917 when he became a member of Plumbers Local 463 in New York City.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

POULTRYMEN have discovered that among turkeys, it is not the fine, pushing, aggressive hens which make the best breeders. The ones that mate the most frequently and produce the most fertile eggs are the meeker, picked-up biddies of the flock.

It seems that the aggressive ones are so busy asserting their superiority and shoving the others around that they just forget to mate.

Or maybe, the toms prefer the meeker ones.

It is impossible not to compare these turkey hens with their human counterparts, the battling suffragettes, who pushed aside domestic duties and went out on the firing line to secure for women the rights they believed she deserved, and which we now, incidentally, take for granted.

It was not only votes which these women won for us. It was the right to work side by side with men in business and industry, and to get equal pay for equal work—a battle not yet entirely won.

We will talk of "career women." And perhaps we still retain a vague image of a large woman, manfully dressed, assuming airs of male superiority around an office or shop.

These women were the pioneers. But the career women of today are entirely different, partly due to the fact that during the last war we were compelled to employ many married women.

Today it is an accepted fact that a woman may be married and still be capable of holding a job. She may be a mother or even a grandmother, and still retain her efficiency.

She does not even have to be the "tailored woman." She may wear curls and feminine clothes and all the cosmetics and feminine doo-dads she pleases.

She may also smile condescendingly at the image of this masculine-type "career woman" of yester year. But let her not forget that if it hadn't been for this pushing, aggressive pioneer great-aunt of hers she would not be sitting, accepted and secure, in her comfortably cushioned position today.

Nominees for Military, Naval Academies Named By Congressman Miller

Congressman George P. Miller announces that the following boys have received nominations as principals and alternates to the Military and Naval Academies, the nominations being made on a strictly competitive basis:

Military Academy: Thomas Lee Cullock, principal; Gary LaVerne Campbell, Albert Warner King, and James Arthur Burnham, alternates.

Naval Academy: Frederick Noel Jerding, principal; Richard Arthur Szekely Jr., Harry Antone Avila, Floyd Louis Cinquini, Ronald Roger Maher, Antonio Perez Aflague, alternates.

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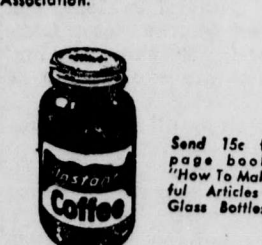
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From Labor Day to Labor Day: Lively Story of Local Unions

(Continued from last week)

APRIL 29, 1955

East Bay Labor Journal's editor denounced the Oakland Tribune management for printing a last-minute "Red smear" of the labor-backed candidates in the recent Oakland election, then hypocritically running "explanations" by the smeared candidates after the voting was all over. In a personal statement the editor said that "I know, not because any of them have told me so, but because I know the hearts of American newspapermen—I know that the great majority of them who wear the Knowland badge in order to earn their living—I know that they are bitterly ashamed of what the Tower management did."

Building Trades Council endorsed the Utah Construction Co. plan for preparing for a subdivision in Alameda, and urged all council-affiliated unionists residing in Alameda to vote for Ordinance 1148 to appear on a special referendum election ballot May 24.

Negotiations began between Carmen 192 and the Key System on changes in the contract, expiring May 31, which had been agreed on in 1953 after a 76-day strike.

Two members of AFL unions were on the 1955 grand jury: **Ralph B. Whalen, Letter Carriers 76; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36.**

Commenting on recent speeches by Governor Knight, this paper published an editorial under the headline: "Knight Pro-Labor Circus Will Outdo P. T. Barnum at His Best."

MAY 6, 1955

"All-Out Drive to Elect Quinn" is launched by Labor" was the 8-column headline on this paper, and it wasn't only the AFL but the CIO which was putting shoulder to wheel to send CLC President John F. Quinn to the Oakland City Council.

Building Trades Council urged the Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance which would make "jerry building" impossible in this area.

Fred Farr, strongly backed by labor, won a seat in the State Senate from Monterey county in a special election. But the Fair Employment Practices Bill which had seemed on the way to success, was voted down 12 to 9 by the Assembly Ways & Means Committee, although the two Alameda county Assemblymen, Committee Chairman T. W. Caldecott, Republican, and Carlos Bee, Democrat, both voted for it.

Russ Crowell, Cleaners 23, and Dick Groulx, Office Employees 29, reported on the AFL Institute held in Santa Barbara, said that the session was an excellent one, and that the talk by **Bob Grady**, UC economist, in which he outlined the immense productivity of U. S. industry is expected to attain in the near future, impressed them greatly.

"Ask the insurance agent for his union card," was the parting message to the CLC delegates of **William J. Foley**, Insurance Agents 219, as he took leave of absence for several weeks to go back East on vacation and to attend the convention of his union.

Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870, called attention to the fact that at present the big food chains

are excluded from the Federal Minimum Wage Act, but that efforts were being made to have them included, as many unorganized clerks in the South were now getting less than the 75-cent minimum. A drive was on to get the minimum wage raised to \$1.25, but President Eisenhower was holding out for 90 cents.

MAY 13, 1955

East Bay Labor Journal put out its 29th Anniversary Edition, reviewing many of the events occurring during that period.

Western AFL Director Daniel W. Flanagan told the CLC delegates there was every indication that before the year was over there would be a reunited House of Labor, ending the split between AFL and CIO of two decades' standing.

The AFL Voters League urged a NO vote on the much discussed parking bonds in the approaching Oakland final election.

This paper warned voters to beware of another last-minute smear by the Oakland Tribune, reminding its readers of how the Tribune had acted in the primary election a few weeks before.

This paper pointed out editorially that with the election of **Fred Farr**, labor-backed Democrat, to the State Senate, the GOP was beginning to worry about losing its grip on that important official body.

MAY 20, 1955

CLC President John F. Quinn lost out in his effort to get a seat on the Oakland City Council, being defeated by incumbent **Howard Rilea**.

Fifty-one crafts had new journeymen as the result of the eighth annual apprenticeship completion ceremonies.

Central Labor Council spent almost its entire session watching a demonstration on good racial relations put on by a team of UC students of various racial and religious backgrounds.

Mayor Clifford Rishell of Oakland was named an honorary member of the **Bay Area Painters Business Agents' Club** at a dinner. **Les Moore**, Auto & Ship Painters 1176, is the club chairman.

Bruce Dillashaw, business rep. (Continued on Page 4)

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies

"IF WE WOMEN stick together, we can get the men back on the job," Esther Quigley of Chicago was quoted as saying after she had called a meeting of wives of striking CIO Auto-Workers.

Mrs. Quigley said she had made her husband promise to give up union activities three years ago, and yet she discovered when the strike came at the plant where her husband works that he'd sneaked out on her and had been a shop steward for the union for 18 months.

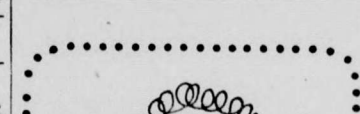
This militant lady added that she'd kicked her husband out when he refused to make the men go back to work immediately, and declared that "the sight of my empty refrigerator is keeping me going" in her battle to end the strike.

THE STRIKE had been on barely a week when this lady found her refrigerator empty and supposedly no money to fill it up with food, so we gather either she doesn't stock up much ahead, or hold any money in reserve for a rainy day, or was just talking a mouthful of rhetoric when she made that remark.

But that isn't the main consideration from a union point of view. What's interesting is the lady's lack of understanding that the function of a union in the modern economic setup is to help keep that refrigerator full of good or better food.

Of course, maybe she just pretended to misunderstand, for the union involved claims that the struck company had a hand in getting her to stage the "lock-out" on her husband—although she denies this.

MANY WIVES of union men, however, are as uninformed about the value of unionism as this lady's statements indicate she is. Some even voted, we're told, for Eisenhower, the man who does all he can to load the dice against unionism and the full refrigerator.



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Labor Friends See Casey Take Office

Joseph Michael Casey was sworn in as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors last week in the presence of an overflow crowd of friends in Mayor Robinson's office.

The oath of office was administered by Superior Judge Milton Saplow.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of East Bay Labor Journal, and Lew Blix, Dental Technician, attended the ceremony. They have known Casey for years in his career as an organizer for the Teamsters, and later as a Western AFL organizer.

Among San Francisco labor people noted by East Bay Labor Journal at the ceremony were:

Western AFL Organizer Dan Flanagan and two daughters; President Jack Goldberger of S. F. Labor Council; Gus Katsarski, assistant secretary, San Francisco Labor Council (Secretary George Johns was out of town on vacation); Jim Symes of the Union Label Department; J. J. Diviny, Teamsters 85 and an international president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters; Steve Gilligan, Milk Drivers 226; Clarence J. Walsh, Bakery Drivers 848; Captain C. F. May of Masters, Mates & Pilots; Ted White and Mark O'Reilly, Warehousemen 860; Robert Callahan, of the San Francisco Fire Fighters' David Scanlon Club.

Walter Otto was there, representing the State Federation.

Friends of labor present included Conciliator Andrew J. Gallagher and Assemblyman Tommy Maloney.

J. Paul St. Sure was among the representatives of the employers present.

Casey went to the City Hall accompanied by his wife, Virginia, their daughter, and son Dan.

Casey, who had recently announced his intention to run for a place on the Board of Supervisors, was appointed to the board by Mayor Robinson when Supervisor Arnold resigned.

8000 in Month Are Sent to Farm Jobs

The Oakland Farm Labor Office announces that over 8000 workers were referred to harvest work in the month of August. 300 workers were hauled to the Santa-Rosa-Healdsburg area and over a 1000 to the Santa Clara-Santa Jose area on a day haul basis to pick string beans.

3500 bean pickers, 1280 pear pickers, 1632 apricot pickers, as well as many apricot cutters, cucumber pickers, strawberry pickers, lettuce thinners and pepper pickers went into the Irvington-Pleasanton - Walnut Creek area for harvest work.

September sees a need for additional harvest workers in walnuts, tomatoes, almonds and prunes. The office will continue to open at 5 a.m. daily so workers can obtain information about farm work by visiting the office at 588 - 7th St., Oakland or by calling Glencourt 2-1716, says Manager Frank X. Small.

LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated August 8, 1955, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County State, of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-delinquent property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication of the mailing to the last assessor at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland;

That unless the property is redeemed or an installment plan of redemption is initiated before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

Deed No. 20301. In City of Oakland, Plat of the Part of the Rancho San Antonio finally confirmed to Antonio Maria Peralta et al., by of 10 beg on NW in of Skyline Blvd at its intersection with NW in of Lot 1220 Forestland Heights th N 74° 05' W 100.35 ft to S 21° 30' W 25 ft to S 68° 52' E 150.79 feet to NW in Skyline Blvd th NW along same 40 ft to beg. Per of Block 2184. Last assessed to Beatrice Martinez 35. Minimum price \$131.00.

Deed No. 58240. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1684, Block 7312. Last assessed to Laurence W. Cox, et al. Minimum price \$301.00.

Deed No. 113225. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1684, Block 7312. Last assessed to Theodore P. Dresser, Jr. 15, and Alice D. Hackley 15. Minimum price \$151.00.

Deed No. 135530. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1681, Block 7314. Last assessed to Jas. J. and Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$121.00.

Deed No. 30105. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1298, Block 7318. Last assessed to Alameda Investment Co. Minimum price \$101.00.

Deed No. 113229. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1173, Block 7319. Last assessed to Alma Adams. Minimum price \$151.00.

Deed No. 135544. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1175, Block 7319. Last assessed to Jas. J. and Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$151.00.

Deed No. 135548. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1181, Block 7319. Last assessed to Jas. J. and Gladys C. Gahan. Minimum price \$151.00.

Deed No. 125488. In City of Oakland, Forestland Heights, Lot 1173, Block 7319. Last assessed to Dr. John A. Clark. Minimum price \$101.00.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem or to pay the delinquent taxes in installments, apply to Edwin M. Eisele, Jr., Tax Collector of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

Edwin M. Eisele, Jr.
Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California
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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Hayward Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823

LIVERMORE meeting September 12 at Foresters Hall 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Regular meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Local 823 headquarters.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Sheet Metal Workers 216

The office of the Union will be closed Saturday, September 10. Members are reminded that Friday, September 9 Admission Day. is a recognized holiday by Sheet Metal Workers Local 216.

Death assessment No. 375 and No. 376 are now due and payable. Bro. Hiram Aiguire No. 95168, member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away July 7, 1955.

Bro. Leo A. Wille, No. 137552, member of Local No. 104, San Francisco, passed away July 27, 1955.

Members and affiliated members are notified that the journeyman's class at Laney Trade School, will resume classes the week of September 12, 1955—Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Guy Edwards, instructor.

Millmen 550

Members are reminded that there is a real need for donations to the Millmen's Blood Bank, and that for each such donation there is remission of 3 months' dues.

Those wishing to donate blood should get in touch with the undersigned for appointments with the Blood Bank.

Fraternally yours,
E. H. OVENBERG,
Secretary

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 next meeting will not be until the fourth Friday in September on the 23rd.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELBERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

Plasterers 112

IMPORTANT: To All Members of Local 112: The business agent was instructed at the meeting August 18 to remove all men from the job who are 3 months or over in arrears on dues. So you can see, brothers, the business agent has no alternative, as he must act under a clear order from the local.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Southern County Voters League

Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL meeting September 15 at 8 p.m. at Old Labor Temple, B & Soto streets, Hayward, with Assemblyman Carlos Bee guest speaker on "1955 Legislation Concerning Labor."

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday evening, September 16, the rap of the presidents gavel will bring the next regular meeting to order at 8 P.M.

Again, a reminder, to you who pay your dues by mail: that beginning October 1, 1955, the monthly premium rate of our group life insurance policy will increase from \$1.30 to \$1.35 cents.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

P.S. You may get a copy of the annual financial report at the office and at the meetings.

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Painters Advised on Health Plan

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Brother Mulhare still in Kaiser Hospital, Broadway & MacArthur, shows slight improvement. We do not advise visitors at this time as his condition is still very serious. Brother Claude Moore in Providence and Brother J. C. McAdams still in the Army Veterans Hospital, 13th & Harrison. As far as we know these are the only brothers hospitalized at this time.

At the last meeting of the trustees of the Health & Welfare plan it was approved that we request all brothers to contact their personal physician to determine if he is willing to render medical services for the amount of money provided by the plan. At the present time we have 5 doctors in San Francisco, 2 in Oakland and 1 in

Richmond who work under the schedule and it is our desire and intention to add to this list.

The new booklet giving the provisions of the plan will be available within the next three weeks. If your physician desires more information on the plan we will have a representative of the trustees contact him and explain the plan more fully. Call this office TWInoaks 3-2755, give us his name and address and we will take over from there.

Due to time we will continue our article on Death Benefits when your scribe returns from vacation.

Work holding up fine, all the brothers on the job. See you in about 2 weeks.

Machinist Auxiliary Big Schedule

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Press Correspondent

Our September 1st meeting was called to order by President Opal Lawrence. In spite of the fact attendance was poor considerable business was attended to.

Several of our members are on the ill list. Conductress Flo Meade is quite ill and will not be able to attend meetings for some time. We all hope she will soon be better as we miss her. Sister Evelyn Gerholdt is also ill. Sisters Helmut and Hare according to reports are still in considerable misery, and unable to attend meetings. Our best wishes for speedy recovery to each of them, as they are also missed.

I had a card from Sister Florence Shaffer in which she stated that Brother George is not doing so well. As we know he had two operations, from which his recovery was slow and now he has had a heart attack. Our sincere wishes for better health from now on for him.

Tillie Bartness reported that she visited with Sister Rose Rodgers last week and though she had fallen down in the morning she seemed to suffer no ill effects and was very bright and cheery, and happy to see Tillie.

Sister Eve Gallaher's sister has been quite ill but I believe she is on the mend. We hope so.

We have a full quota for the next few months. September 12 will be officers' meeting and auditing committee meeting both at Sister Nellie Blanford's home. President Opal will have the sewing club at her home on the 4th. Thursday, September 25th will be District 115 Machinists' picnic which will be held this year at Hidden Valley Rancho, out Niles way. Tickets which will be fifty cents, are on

sale at 701 - 13th St., or at the gate. Everyone who can should attend as there will be lots of fun, many games and prizes for all, youngsters and oldsters, which ever you may be, you won't be without something to entertain you any time.

October 1st there will be Auxiliary get together at Nellie Blanford's and we are hoping as many as can will be there. October 4th is the date of the rummage. Hurry and get yours in to President Opal or Sister Nellie. November 17th will be our pot luck dinner. Tickets One Dollar for adults and fifty cents for children. There will be a very nice door prize and lots of good eats so be sure and keep this date in mind.

Our next meeting which is social night will be very interesting. We will have a Union Label Display of the latest union-made fashions. President Opal and Sister Gladys Lear have contacted several merchants in Oakland and San Leandro and agreed to cooperate with them. So be on hand to see all the latest in fashions.

The Past Presidents will meet Friday the 16th at Marie Dixon's home. Patronize the Union Label and Buy Bonds.

WILLIAM F. SCHNITZLER, AFL secretary, became one of the youngest international union presidents in the AFL in 1950, when the International Executive Board of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers chose him to succeed veteran Herman Winter. At 46, he already had served four active years as general secretary-treasurer.

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Teacher Stresses Value of Unionism

By JOYCE E. LOBNER

Our Teachers Union has accomplished wonders for which it does not always get the credit.

Other great tasks are planned for the coming years.

Teachers of Oakland have had much training in working together in organizations. This training has two sources:

1. Anyone who goes through the public schools and attends college has been part of student bodies, clubs, teams, etc. He knows what loyalty to a group and cooperative action means.

2. Since very early times it has been a tradition in Oakland for teachers to belong to various National, State, and local associations which were more or less democratically run.

The phase of the Teachers' Union has now arrived. Local 771 is affiliated with the oldest Federation of Labor in the United States, the A. F. of L. All the past of the labor movement is an influence on the Oakland Federation of Teachers.

Traditions and trends are affecting us which we are ignorant of. Most of the members of the Oakland Federation of Teachers know little of the history of organized labor, of how its dynamic power developed, of its ideals and victories for the workers' welfare and for militant democracy.

Here are two books which will give us some information that will enable us when we say, "Yes, I belong to the Union," to know what we mean:

"Do You Know Labor?" by James Myers.

"American Labor," by Herbert Harris.

Credit Restrictions Check Home Building

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Home construction, a major prop under the country's current economic boom, declined more than seasonally in July as mortgage credit tightened up.

The Labor Department reported non-farm housing starts at 115,000 in July, 1,000 units below the July, 1954 figure and an 11 percent drop from June. Housing financed by government-insured and convention financing dropped during the period.

The department said the decrease "reflects some voluntary adjustment in mortgage credit" 1950, when the International Executive Board of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers chose him to succeed veteran Herman Winter. At 46, he already had served four active years as general secretary-treasurer.

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Lose Loved Member 'Jimmy' Ikegaki

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

As you no doubt know if you read last week's column, I am alone in the office this week due to Mildred's vacation. This being the last week in the month the heavy dues payments has kept me busy. With no meeting during August members have done a good job in mailing their dues to the office to avoid the daily delinquent fine.

This column must be in the printers hands one day early due to the Labor Day holiday. So you can understand why there is no outside activity to report.

The only piece of news I can give you is a sad one. Brother Yaskio Jimmy Ikegaki passed away on Friday, August 26, 1955. Jimmy, who was not married, was a Dial Refinisher and worked for Kirk Dial Corp., in San Francisco. If you knew Jimmy you could not help but like him. We will all miss him and I am quite sure his fellow workers at Kirk Dial will miss him a great deal.

DIGNITY OF LABOR is wedded inseparably to freedom, and freedom, in turn, is dependent upon the social, economic and military strength to which labor contributes.—Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell.

TWO POLITICAL groups—Labor's League for Political Education of the AFL and the Political Action Committee of the CIO—will operate as a single unit.—James L. McDevitt, AFL-LLPE Director.

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CONSUMERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

We read with great interest your Sidney Morgolius weekly "How to Buy" article and always assumed that the matter of how to get the most for your money was as legitimate a part of the labor movement as how to get more money for your work, both being part of the problem of a better standard of living for the majority of people of the United States.

Imagine my surprise at hearing Mr. Colston Warne, Director of Consumers Union, state that very few of their subscribers come from organized labor. They publish a monthly magazine, *Consumer Reports*, which gives information on which products are best to buy, and often they find that the more expensive products are inferior to the less expensive but less loudly advertised brands.

We would not think of investing in a washing machine, television set, car—new or used—iron, etc., without consulting our *Buyers Guide*. The magazine also reports on tests of canned and frozen foods, clothing and such essentials.

Consumers Union started as the result of a labor dispute, the personnel of a consumers' research organization pulling out and starting their own organization when their director refused to let them organize. Originally they included in their ratings of a product the working conditions under which it was produced, although with increased labor activities they find that unions can now handle that themselves.

Their aim has always been to assist the consumer through research to spend his money wisely on good rather than inferior products. Now they find that most of their subscribers come from the professional and college trained groups and while these groups also need advice, they can afford to go wrong more easily than the housewife of a working family who needs to budget carefully to care for her husband and children well.

I would therefore suggest that Sidney Morgolius not only continue giving us the excellent advice he does, but also advise us as to where we can get specific advice on products, namely, *Consumers Reports*, Mount Vernon, New York (and about other consumer research organizations).

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EDITORIALS

H. Greenspun Versus W. Pegler

The printed official proceedings of an international union's convention are rarely the most exciting reading in the world. But the Sixth Day Proceedings (August 19) of the International Typographical Union convention in Boston contain a remarkable speech by Hank Greenspun.

Greenspun appeared at the convention to answer comments on him which had been circulated by some delegates at this and earlier conventions of the union. In discussing his speech we have no intention of mixing in internal politics of the union, but instead wish to emphasize the dangers that all unions face when any of their members form alliances of any sort with Westbrook Pegler and Joe McCarthy.

Greenspun is publisher of the Las Vegas Sun. This paper, which he has made highly successful since he took over the Las Vegas Free Press, founded by the union when the town's then one paper went non-union, now has the largest home-delivered circulation in Nevada, and is the only paper in that State vigorously upholding the rights of labor. Moreover, it has carried on a campaign against McCarthyism which has included charges against Senator McCarthy himself of a nature which makes anyone wonder why McCarthy doesn't sue for libel, if he has any proof that these charges are libelous.

So McCarthy and his pal Pegler are out after Greenspun; and according to Greenspun's speech to the union convention certain members of a minority group in the union have picked up statements made by Pegler, and used them in material circulated among delegates to the ITU conventions. Said Greenspun, discussing one such pamphlet:

"All materials printed in this pamphlet were taken directly from the writings of Westbrook Pegler. Joe McCarthy in his best days could not distort facts so atrociously as did the authors of this pamphlet. . . . How ironical it is for supposed unionists to depend on Pegler for their source of information! . . . Quoting from Pegler and Joe McCarthy can only spread fear and suspicion. To play Pegler's game is to help exterminate free unionism. You must not permit yourselves to become victims of the big lie."

That is sound doctrine which should be laid to heart by all trade unionists.

Incidentally, who pays Pegler for spreading the big lie? Answer: The Hearst papers. A little odd, too, isn't it, that there are AFL leaders in California who go right along with the Hearst-Pegler press and that other labor-baiting press outfit, the Los Angeles Times, in supporting Goody Knight? Really, one feels like quoting again Greenspun's contention:

"To play Pegler's game is to help exterminate free unionism. You must not permit yourselves to become victims of the big lie."

Mr. Raymond Lawrence Is Worried

Raymond Lawrence of the Oakland Tribune staff in the August 29 issue of that fascinating journal exhibited great concern lest Stanford University is about to do serious harm to our great country.

Stanford has accepted \$25,000 from the Fund for the Republic, which is financed by the Ford Foundation, to cover the cost of a survey of civil liberties in the United States. Also Stanford has accepted the recommendation of Robert M. Hutchins, head of the Fund for the Republic, that Herbert Packer, a New York and Washington attorney, spend a year at Stanford as an associate professor of law while making the survey.

This greatly disturbs Mr. Lawrence, since, as he says: "Mr. Hutchins . . . for some time . . . has been preaching the doctrine that they (civil liberties) are endangered, and occasionally emulated, by conservative and reactionary forces in this country."

Therefore, anyone nominated by Mr. Hutchins, Mr. Lawrence feels, could hardly be unbiased, or competent to make such a survey.

Moreover, Mr. Lawrence shudders at another thought that has hit him in connection with this survey:

"Since it is undertaken under the sponsorship of a distinguished and reputable university, the study acquires prestige which it might otherwise lack and hence may bring itself wide acceptance on the part of the general public."

In short, someone deeply interested in civil liberties is going to spend a year gathering evidence on any serious violations of them in this country, and a reputable university is going to sponsor the study, and so there's danger of the people of the United States waking up to what's going on. Tut, tut! Too bad!

We suggest it would have been much better to have Senator Knowland, who voted against censoring Senator McCarthy, nominate the person who should make this survey.

We further suggest that these worries are unworthy of Mr. Lawrence, who has himself in several articles in the past struck good blows for civil liberty.

'Union Membership Not Necessary'

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay piled up the fortune which made him eligible for appointment to President Eisenhower's Cabinet of Millionaires through the operations of the Douglas McKay Chevrolet Co., Salem, Oregon. Here's a classified ad that firm published recently in Western papers:

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The new agreement calls for 2 cents more per hour on health and welfare, bringing it to 13 cents, effective September 1, with an additional 2 cents April 1, 1956, bringing it then to 15 cents.

The most significant feature of the agreement is the provision for \$1 a day transportation expense, with no limitation as to distance covered on any particular day. In other words, any day a plasterer goes out and works, he gets a dollar for that day's transportation expense. This is a new provision entirely, says Secretary George Whittion.

At a later date an additional dollar for transportation expense is provided for.

The basic pay remains the same as formerly, at \$3.54 per hour. The plasterers work a 6-hour day.

WALTER REUTHER was felled by a shotgun blast through a window of his Detroit home in 1948. His wife and two daughters were unharmed. His assailants have never been caught.

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Governor and Senator Will Speak at Demos' Dinner; Labor Committee

Governor George M. Leader of Pennsylvania and Senator Alan Bible of Nevada will be the guest speakers at the Democratic National Committee Dinner to be held at the Fairmont Hotel, September 14.

A meeting of the labor committee cooperating with the State Democratic Central Committee in arranging the dinner was held Thursday at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

The September 14 dinner is the \$100 per plate fund-raising affair on which the Democrats rely to get the 1956 campaign under way.

THE LABOR UNION movement is one of the most alert and effective forces for good in our society. This is so not only because of its economic role designed to strengthen the purchasing power of working men and women, but also because of the vital political role that it performs in behalf of good citizenship. — Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.).

Puppet Is Shocked For Safety's Sake

For the sake of Oakland telephone men, a tiny puppet goes around getting itself shocked silly by up to 10,000 volts of electricity.

The puppet is the now slightly energized star of a traveling telephone company safety show. It shows what can happen if telephone workers are not careful about electricity. The puppet takes the jolts so they won't.

G. J. Lindman, who handles the safety program for Pacific Telephone here, figures that shows like these are one reason the company has built such a safety record.

MILLIONS OF WORKERS are still held in industrial bondage. These workers are not organized and for this reason are not yet in a position to enjoy the good wages and the good working conditions and the sense of freedom, which has been brought about in America by the organized labor movement. — Harry E. O'Reilly, AFL Director of Organization.

From Labor Day to Labor Day: Lively Story of Local Unions

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representative, Cement Masons 594, was back from New York, where he attended the international union's conference.

The board of adjustment of the Oakland Planning Commission rejected an application for a permit to construct a motel at 1555 Madison street. Both CLC and BTC favor the project.

MAY 27, 1955

Voters in the city of Alameda gave approval in a referendum election to the ordinance authorizing the Utah Construction Co. project of dredging sand from city-owned tidelands in preparation for a big subdivision. C. R. Bartolini, Carpenters 36, secretary of the Bay District Council of Carpenters, headed a committee of labor people residing in Alameda active in supporting the project.

President John F. Quinn, on return to the chair of the Central Labor Council after his strenuous campaign for a place on the Oakland City Council received an ovation from the delegates. Alluding to his failure to capture the post he sought in city government, Quinn said: "I don't deny that I've had a few little setbacks and heartaches lately, so it was very nice to have such a fine demonstration of your friendship when I came into the room."

About 3,000 AFL mechanics, painters, and other shop workers employed by new car dealers in the Oakland area were 22 cents an hour better off in wages, besides various fringe benefits as the result of a new 5-year master agreement reached with the dealers by the East Bay Automotive Council. Unions composing the Automotive Council included Auto Machinists 1546, Teamsters Automotive Employees 78, Auto & Ship Painters 1176.

The Building Trades Council set up a 5-man committee, appointed by President J. S. (Blackie) Miller, to meet with a committee of the Associated Home Builders in an effort to eliminate "jerry building" with inferior materials and inferior methods of construction. The BTC committee was composed of Business Representative J. L. Childers; Joe Pruss, Sheet Metal 216; Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622; Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127; Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166.

All the Machinists' local lodges were sponsoring a benefit baseball game to provide guide dogs for the blind.

Vern Stambaugh, president, Carmen 192, told the CLC there

was no basis for the rumor that there would be a quickie strike on the Key System. "If we decide it's necessary to strike," he told the CLC delegates, the public will get ample warning."

A wage increase ranging from 3 1/2 cents to 5 cents an hour was accepted retroactive to May 1 by the Machinists' lodges with members at the Friden and the Marchant calculating machine plants.

Some 150 members of Teamsters 70 were striking, and an undetermined number of members of the big local were locked out, in the 11-State strike against some of the big trucking lines, said Secretary Frank DeMartini of Local 70.

Forty-six Democrats and 8 Republicans voted to override President Eisenhower's veto of the postal pay increase bill.

The 10 locals of the Carpenters in Alameda county were back in the Building Trades Council with their delegates following the recent decision to reaffiliate.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary, State Federation of Labor, issuing the call for the 53d convention of that body, said that as the convention opening in San Diego August 15 labor would be standing "at the edge of a new era in organizational strength."

Robert J. Taylor, business representative, Chauffeurs 923, won in an election a place as trustee of the Hayward Union High School District.

Robert C. Durand, secretary, AFL Post Office Clerks 78 of Oakland, commented in a letter to the Chronicle on that paper's editorial complimenting President Eisenhower for his "courage" in vetoing the postal pay increase bill.

Morticians shouldn't be appointed deputy coroners, reported the citizens' committee headed by Robert S. Ash, secretary, Central Labor Council.

AFL Secretary William F. Schnitzler said that the "vaccine mess" in Washington was only the latest of a "long series of delinquencies" in the Eisenhower Administration's "addition to the practice of government by avoidance." This paper commented on Secretary Hobbs' amazing alibi that "no one could have foreseen the public demand for the vaccine," saying: "As if the millions of parents of millions of children could be expected to be indifferent when they heard that a vaccine had been devised which would immunize their children from the dreaded polio!"

(Continued next week)

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an open letter to Montgomery-Ward retail store employees

Dear Friends:

When you cast your vote this coming Monday in the National Labor Relations Board representation election, we hope you'll give very serious consideration to this one basic fact:

The Retail Clerks is the one union in the AFL, the largest and oldest union in America, devoted exclusively to improving wages and working conditions of retail store employees.

In its long record of achievements on behalf of retail store employees, the Retail Clerks can point to higher wages and shorter hours, paid vacations and paid holidays, union protection on the job, health and welfare plans, paid sick leave . . . and it can point to the achievement of these gains on a constantly improving level for constantly growing thousands of retail store employees.

What it has done for the hundreds of thousands of its members, the Retail Clerks can do for you—with your help and your support.

You have heard a good deal of talk about a so-called "national agreement"—actually it is an agreement covering only a handful of Ward stores. But the fact is that in every store of every national chain throughout the Bay Area, throughout California, wages are higher and working conditions are better than in Eastern and midwestern stores of the same chain.

Why tie yourself down to lower levels when retail store levels in Oakland and in the Bay Area open up the possibility of still better improvements?

Instead, doesn't it make good sense to choose the one union run by retail store employees for retail store employees—the one union devoted throughout its entire history exclusively to the improvement of wages and working conditions for retail store employees?

The experience and the know-how of the Retail Clerks is just waiting for word from you.

You can say the word next Monday by casting your vote for Retail Clerks, Local 1265.

Sincerely,

Retail Clerks, Local 1265